

Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicant traverses the requirement for restriction set out in the Office Action of May 22, 2003 as an arbitrary dividing of related aspects of an otherwise unified invention directed to plastic logs and methods of producing plastic logs. Such division is not justified on the basis of search burden as a complete search of either aspect should encompass the other. Such a division is however a significant burden on the inventor who is facing a two-fold increase in fees for the exclusive rights promised in the U.S. Constitution. Nonetheless, to advance prosecution applicant elects Group II directed to methods of producing a plastic, cylindrical log.

Preliminary Amendment to the Claims

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.